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Winchester baseball beats Beverly in state tournament opener, now ready to take on top seed Taunton Monday

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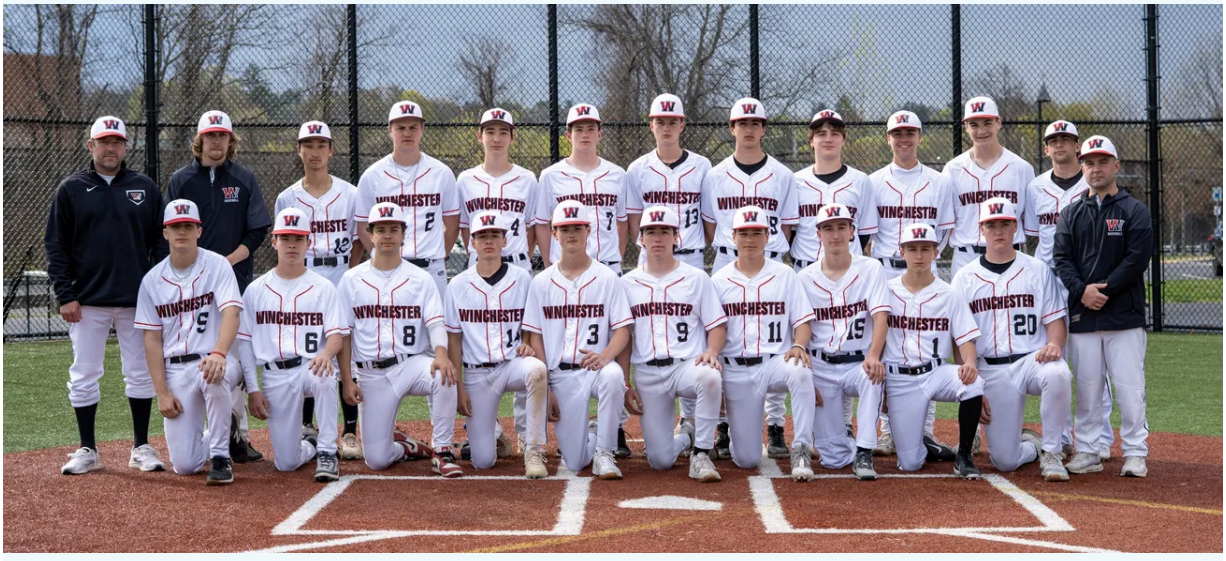

The 2025 Winchester High School baseball team won 12 regular season games, and another one against Beverly last Friday (May 30) to begin the Division 1 state tournament. They are now ready to take on top seed Taunton later today (June 2) in the Round of 32. Team members are, from left, front row, Ronan O'Connell, Penicaud, Adam Florentino, Spencer Thompson, Noah Seitz, Brendan Bock, Nick Penicaud, No Gannon, Jack Lennon and head coach Ed McDonald. Top row, assistant coach Jeff Russell, assist Murray, Nathan Wan, captain Alex Casey, Lorenzo Bartalini, Noah Harley, Mitch Collins, Rami Flummerfelt, Steve McCabe, Harrison Burbibe, Brett Daniels and Connor Pandolph. COURTESY PHOTO

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In the state tournament, you take it one game at a time, and the Winchester High School baseball team (13-8, 32 nd seed) has taken that first step, and won it by beating Beverly (12-8, 33 rd seed) at home, 6-4 in a Division 1 preliminary round game on May 30.

As a reward, the Red & Black now has to take on Taunton (16-6), the top seed in the division on Monday afternoon (June 2) in Taunton, starting at 4 p.m.

The Tigers have won three Division 1 state championships in the last five years. Last year, Durfee knocked them off in the Sweet 16, 6-1. Needless to say, the Tigers' recent success story is where Winchester second year head coach Ed McDonald would like to take the Red & Black someday. They have a chance to make that leap to the elite with a win over their Hockomock League counterparts in Monday's Round of 32 game.

"The win over Beverly was huge for this program," said McDonald. "The six runs that we got in this game were all with two outs against a future college pitcher. He mowed us down in the first couple of innings, but we were able to make adjustments to get to their bullpen."

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The Panthers of Beverly scored first in the second inning of Friday night's game, but the home team did all of its work on offense in the third, scoring all six of its runs to take the lead for good. They had as many hits as runs, but the bottom is that they made all of them count.

First baseman Brett Daniels powered the attack with two hits, including a homerun, that resulted in two RBI. Junior catcher Ronan O'Connell doubled in a run. Third baseman Brendan Bock singled in two. S captain Alex Casey drove home one run with a base hit. Nick Pen chipped in with a single.

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But it was Nick's arm that ultimately shutdown the Northeastern Conference school over seven innings. The sophomore hurler allowed seven hits, but just one walk throughout his complete game winning effort. He also whiffed seven, and only two of Beverly's four runs were earned off him.

But now, the team's attention turns to perennial powerhouse Taunton.

"We are excited for the opportunity to play Taunton," said McDonald. "They are No. 1 for a reason, but our group believes we can compete against them."

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After the Winchester High qualified wrestlers competed hard over two days last weekend (Feb. 20, 21) in the State Division 1 Meet at North Andover High School, Mother Nature gave them a break to rest and recuperate with Monday's blizzard that resulted in two days off from school. There

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The Winchester High boys hockey team (12-9-2), the 17th seed, edged the 16th-seeded Wachusett Regional Mountaineers (18-2-1), 5-4 in a Round of 32 Division 1 state tournament game at Westborough's Northstar Ice Arena on Feb. 25. The Red & Black will now take on top seed Catholic Memorial (18-2-1)

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With postseason starting Friday night, WHS boys hoop seniors English, Sarpong, Burbine join Middlesex League elite

The Winchester High boys basketball team, the 22nd seed, will take on Middlesex League rival Lexington, the 11th seed, to begin the Division 1 state tournament in the Round of 32 on Friday night, Feb. 27, starting at 6 p.m. These teams are so evenly matched, beginning with the

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'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. Set in the 1920s, this iconic production is sure to leave the audience wanting more. Performances will

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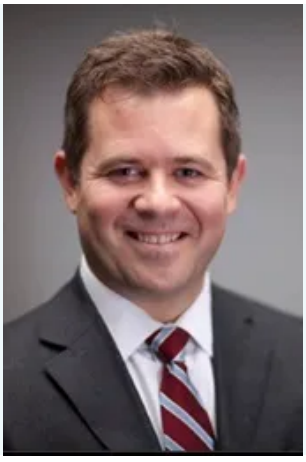

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